

# メイズ 1 アビス

MADE IN ABYSS

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MADE  
IN  
ABYSS

# The Curse of the Abyss

It's a name for the symptoms resulting from ascending within the Abyss. Although they are called "strains of ascent", their actual cause is a mystery, but since those who venture deep enough tend not to return, calling them a curse is more popular.

## Layer 1 Strains of ascent

Light dizziness and nausea

## Layer 2 Strains of ascent

Heavy nausea, headache, numbness of limbs

## Layer 3 Strains of ascent

Vertigo, visual and auditory hallucinations

## Layer 4 Strains of ascent

Full-body pains, bleeding from every orifice

## Layer 5 Strains of ascent

Loss of all senses, confusion, self-harm

## Layer 6 Strains of ascent

Loss of humanity and sometimes death

## Layer 7 Strains of ascent

Certain death

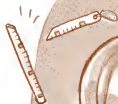




Torch



Knife



Ruler



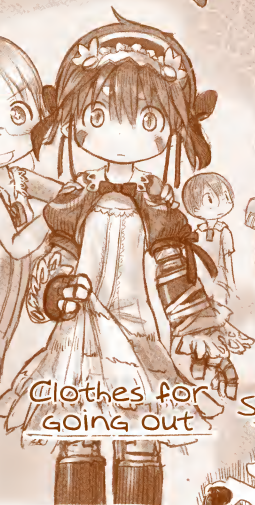
Riko's  
BOOT



Magnifying  
glass



Screwdriver



Clothes for  
going out



Drill

Some of the tools used  
to explore the robot's  
functions.



Burnt coal



## ✿ Mail Balloon ✿

A small-scale airship used to transport letters and light packages to the surface from inside the Abyss.

### Gas type



It can carry a reasonable amount of weight.

- Fuel for the gas-type ship can be harvested inside the Abyss.

The fuel is these seeds.

These seeds float due to a

gas within them. The plants are parasitic and turn the bugs that eat them into hosts for their seed beds.



- The seeds are sensitive to changes in atmosphere and will not leave the Abyss.

Therefore, they conveniently come to a stop near the surface where Orth is.

Weakness:

They're often consumed by large birds and insects that are confused by its scent.



### Hot air type



It can carry a limited amount of weight.

- The fire often goes out midway.

Currently, the gas-type is the most most commonly used.

- Sometimes it ends up floating in the sky.
- Unlikely to be attacked by the fauna.
- When bringing one with you, the coal (or other heat sources) can be unwieldy.



Makes sense.



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## MADE IN ABYSS 01

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The star  
compass.

The mysterious  
compass that  
always points  
towards the  
far reaches of  
the heavens...



actually  
served  
another  
purpose.

The needle,  
guiding  
towards a  
place which  
no hand  
could reach,



was not  
the far  
reaches  
of the  
heavens...

But in  
truth,  
to their  
exact  
opposite...

What this  
needle  
beckoned  
towards

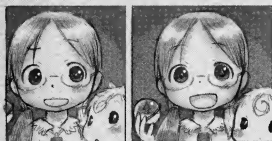


To the  
depths of  
the Abyss!

It  
pointed  
down...

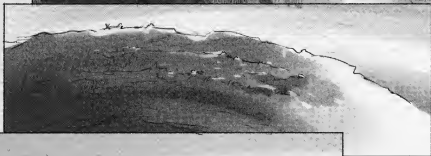










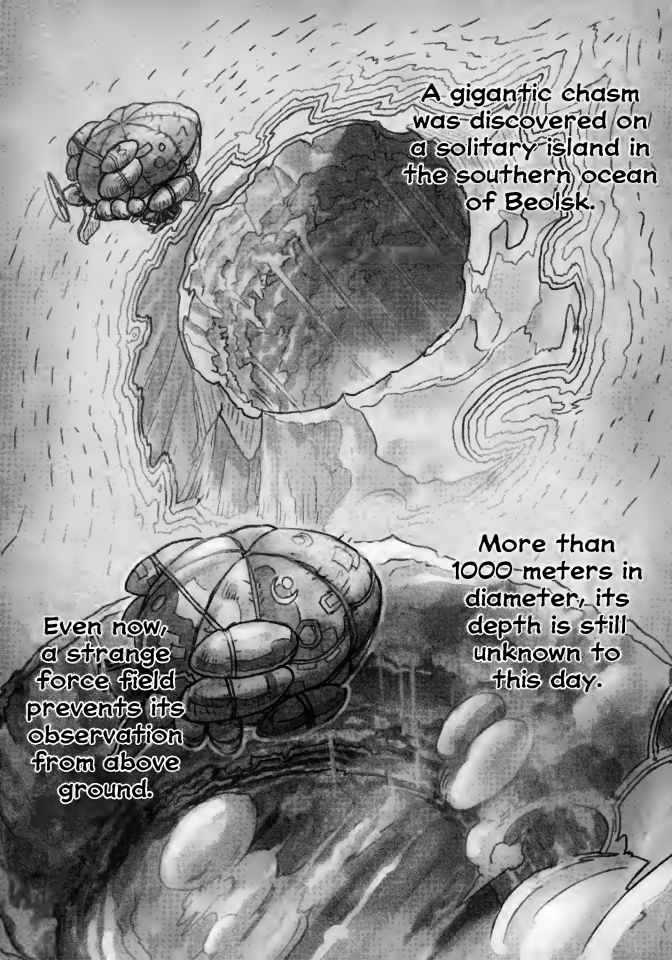




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It was around  
1900 years ago.





A gigantic chasm  
was discovered on  
a solitary island in  
the southern ocean of  
Beolsk.

More than  
1000 meters in  
diameter, its  
depth is still  
unknown to  
this day.

Even now,  
a strange  
force field  
prevents its  
observation  
from above  
ground.



Around  
the time that  
those who  
challenged the  
Abyss began  
to refer to  
themselves  
as "delvers,"

10000

Bases on  
the surface  
had been  
constructed  
around the  
entire circum-  
ference of  
the chasm.

They say  
the city that  
eventually  
formed was the  
prototype for  
Orth, the one  
we live in today.

120000

Therefore,  
surveying  
had to be  
done in  
person.

Using telegram  
ships that they  
released, explorers  
delivered their  
records of the  
depths to the  
surface.

Treasure hunters  
and thrill seekers  
alike flocked to the  
mysterious chasm  
with dreams  
of getting  
rich quick.



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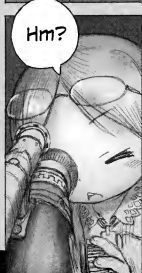
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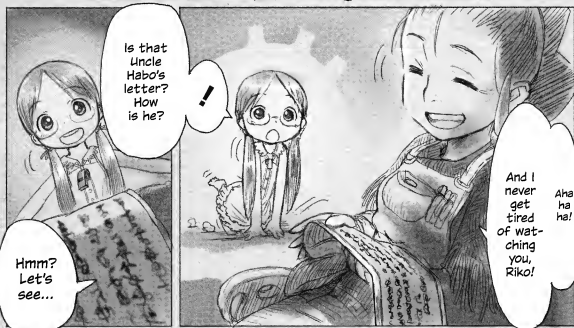
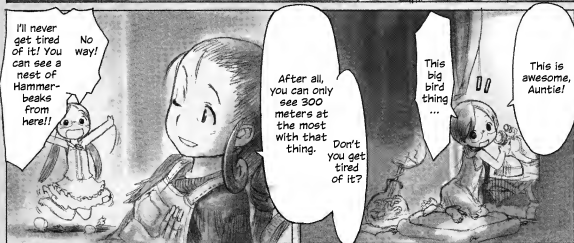
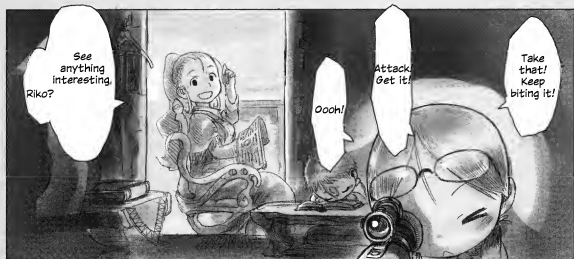
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It's amazing!

I wonder what sort of place it could be?



Wow!

He says, "We're about to enter the Inverted Forest in the second layer".



It's like you've seen it already.

So detailed!

The trees and grass all grow upside down! And the fog from the sea of clouds climbs up to it like a reverse waterfall!



Ah, that's right.



I am aiming to become a *white* whistle, after all!

Ehehe.





Habo still  
wants to  
be one  
even at his  
age, but...

But...  
is being  
a white  
whistle  
really  
all that  
great?



Aun-  
tie?

But white  
whistles,  
they're...



I don't  
mean to  
discourage  
you,



Welcome!



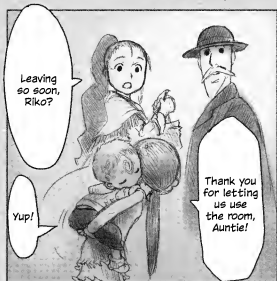
must be a  
customer.

Ah,



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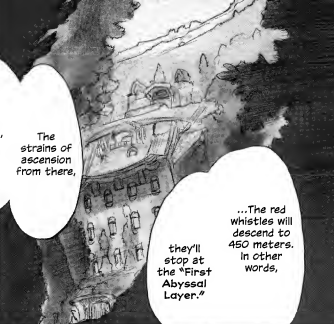




Once you get used to them, they won't bother you anymore.

such as light dizziness and nausea, will all be noticeable in severity.

The strains of ascension from there,



they'll stop at the "First Abyssal Layer."

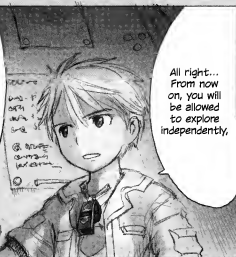
...The red whistles will descend to 450 meters. In other words,



While it's unlikely that you'll be in any danger from any primitive creatures or avalanches,



at the areas I assigned you to.



All right... From now on, you will be allowed to explore independently,



Listen up to what she has to say.

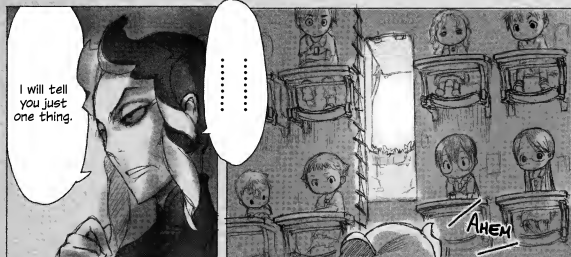
Oh, the Director would like a word.



make sure you take your whistle and smoke signals with you just in case.

That's all. Any questions?





But I'm in  
the clear  
for now...!

She  
reminded  
me of  
that  
traumatic  
memory,

GAH!

I was just  
worried is  
all, since  
you were  
crying  
so much ...

Uh  
oh...

So you  
did see!  
How could  
you, Natt?!

I didn't see!!  
I just heard  
you crying.

I'm not  
interested  
in someone  
with no hair  
down there  
anyway.

Wait,  
how'd  
about that  
...  
Were you  
watching  
know me? You  
saw!!! crying!?

You  
seriously  
need to  
be more  
careful.

That was  
close!  
I'm so  
embarrassed!

What  
do you  
want  
from  
me?

Obviously

You  
would've  
gotten  
mad at  
me if I  
went in  
the room!

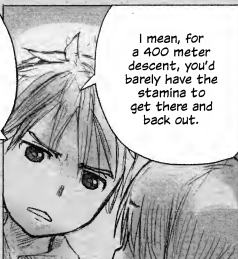
If you  
were  
worried,  
then you  
should've  
helped me!

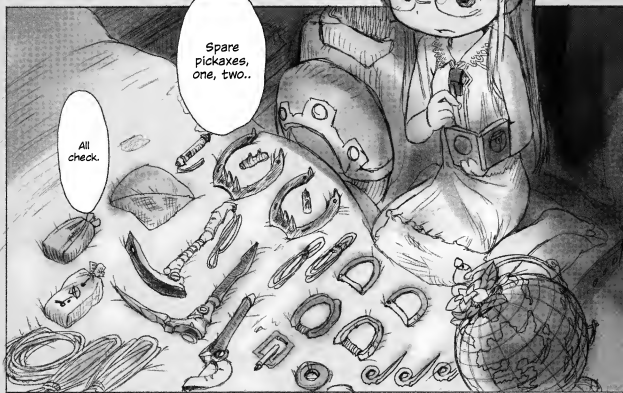
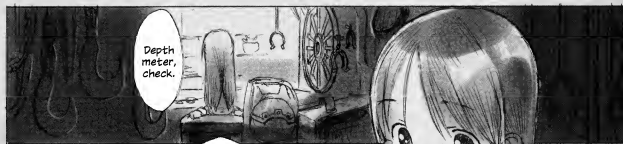
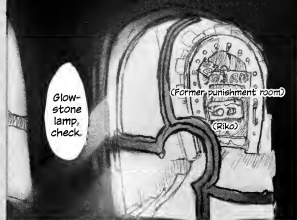
You spent the  
entire day  
crying just  
cause you got  
hung up naked...  
You won't be  
able to be a  
bride anymore if  
you keep it up...

Eek











The conditions he gave me were tough.

.....



I'll have to explore my heart out tomorrow.

I'll dig up so much stuff he won't be able to complain...

If I want to go deeper next time...



What was she like...?

I'm pretty sure mom was the Leader's mentor.



Now is my chance.

Mom, I can't remember your face or your voice, but thank you...



My plan of bringing up mom to get him to listen... sort of worked...

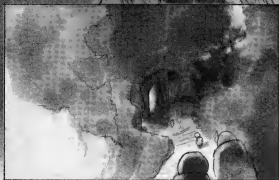
But it was like he became even more strict than he needed too...



And make a big discovery just like her...

I'm sure I'll become a great white whistle...







All of these things and more have lured pioneers and treasure hunters alike to venture into the darkness over the 1900 years we've known of its existence.

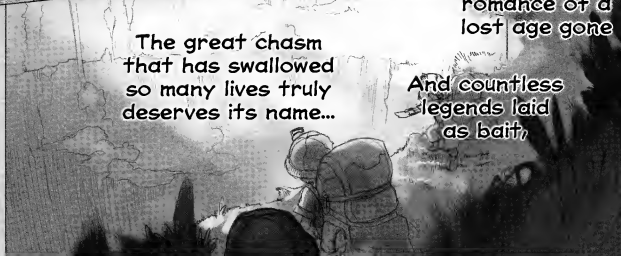




With the  
romance of a  
lost age gone

The great chasm  
that has swallowed  
so many lives truly  
deserves its name...

And countless  
legends laid  
as bait,

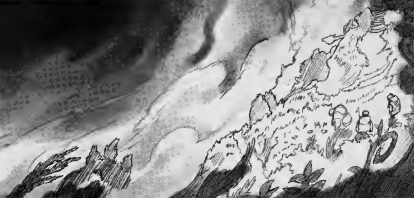


"The Abyss."

Of the places in  
the world left  
unconquered  
by humans...

Only it  
remains.

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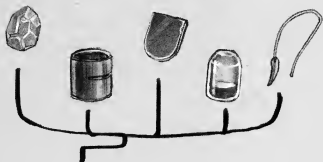


## ✿ Glowstone ✿

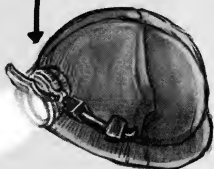


A mineral found in the Abyss.  
It shines brightly when vibrations of a certain frequency are applied  
to the polished gem. Can be used as an artificial light source.

Components include:  
an iron can, an airtight glass container, a wire,  
a processed talon crystal, and water.



**Combined**



The light doesn't create heat, so it's rather stable,  
but it explodes easily under pressure, so be sure to handle carefully.



ハローアビス  
**02**  
Abode of Fossils

10000m

10000m

10000m

20000m

30000m

40000m

50000m

50000m

Layer 1, Edge of the Abyss

Depth: 30-10000 meters

Starwatch Hill

100m



The Guiding Tree

Abode of Fossils

200m

Weeping Windmill

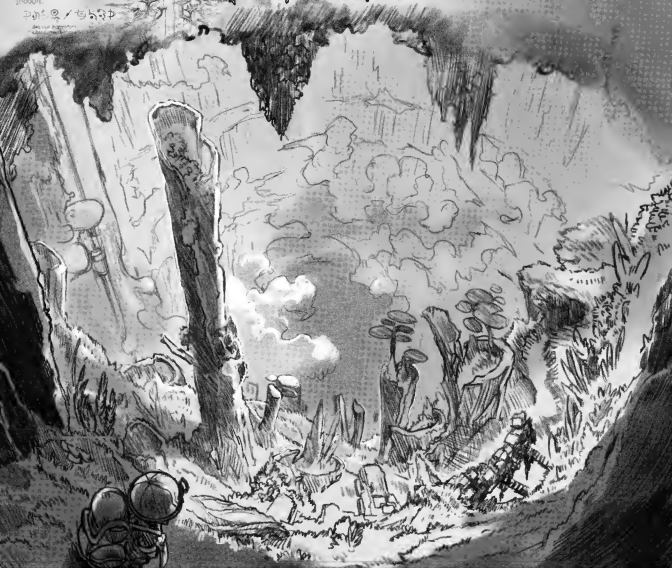
Waterfall Seat

300m

Burial Tower

Large Gondola

The strains of ascent from the first layer are dizziness and nausea.







Oh shut up,  
my area is  
just above  
yours.

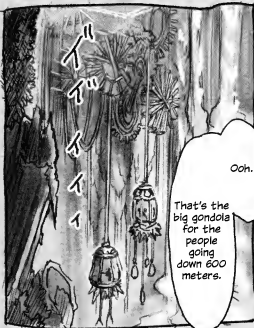
Why  
are you  
following  
me?!

C'mon  
Natt!.....



Fine then,  
I'll make you  
carry my  
stuff as  
punishment  
for peeping.

I guess  
that's  
true.



Ooh.

That's the  
big gondola  
for the  
people  
going  
down 600  
meters.



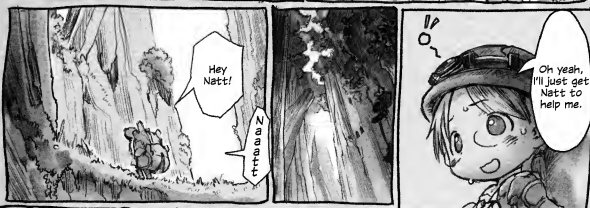
Good  
good

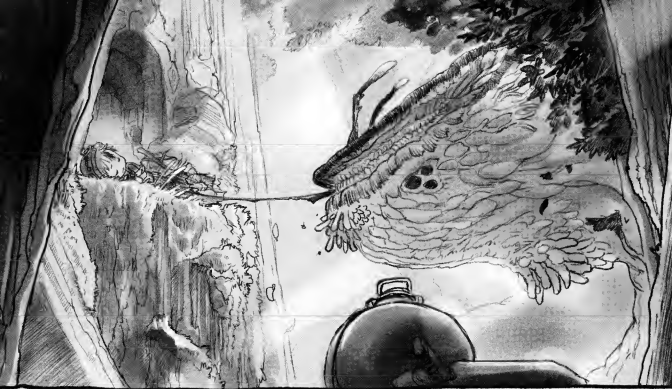


Huh?









**CRASH**



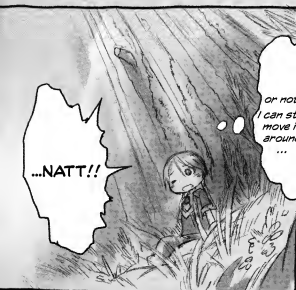


**FWEET**









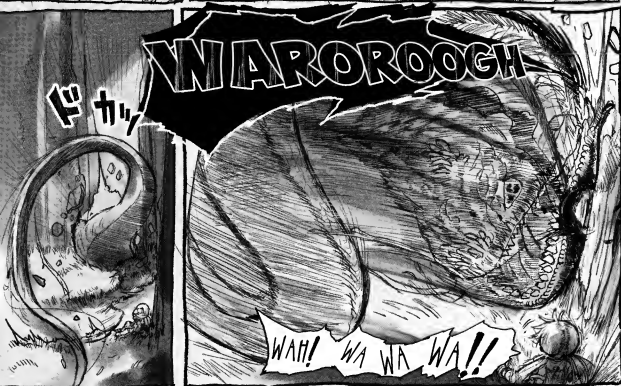


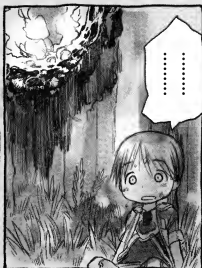
EEEEEEEEEK!!

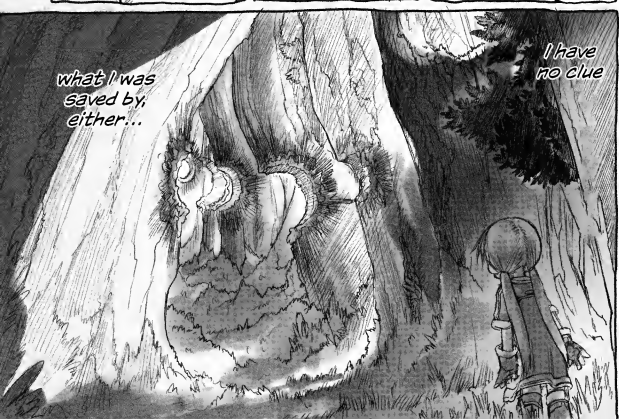
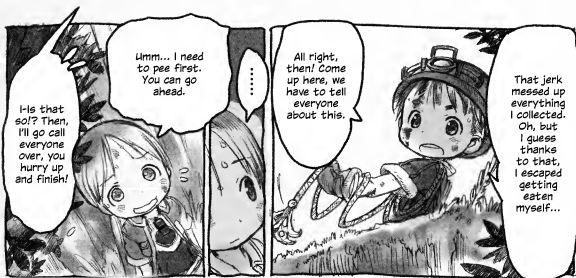


NOO...  
H-HELP  
ME!!!











Maybe it's just  
my imagination,  
but I feel like  
whatever drove  
the snake away...  
was answering my  
call for help...

It  
melted  
through  
the fos-  
silized  
trees...

I feel bad  
for Natt...  
But I have  
to find  
out what  
happened  
here.

I could've  
just said I  
wanted to  
search for  
my glasses...  
How  
could I say  
that to  
a boy...?

Great.  
So I didn't  
even have  
to say I  
have to  
pee.

Ah,  
my  
glas-  
ses...

Maybe  
something  
like a prince  
on a white  
horse?

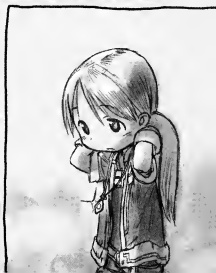
It's  
so  
pret-  
ty...

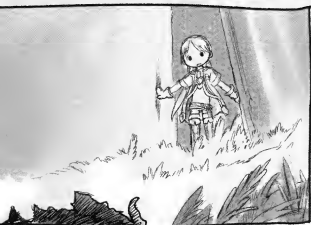
Wow...

Hmm?

I hope  
the  
artifacts  
I found  
are okay,  
too...

I gotta  
find  
them  
later, or  
I'll get  
head-  
aches  
again...







H-hello  
there...?



シューシュー  
シューシュー  
...

Er...  
Huh?



Oh no,  
he's not  
breathing...  
....!



...A child?

どき  
どき  
どき

I don't  
remember  
anyone  
like that  
in the red  
whistles...







...Where  
did he  
come  
from...?



## Hammerbeak



An avian species whose habitat extends from the surface down to the fourth layer of the Abyss. Its primary trait is its hard beak which is fused with its skull. The wingspan of a fully mature specimen can exceed 3 meters.

Male Hammerbeaks bash their heads against each other in disputes.  
Their headbutting can actually produce sparks.

Their meat is delicious and is a very convenient food source for the delvers.  
Their beak can serve as a flint, cookware, and a container.  
Catching even one will provide a meal and the tools to prepare it.



Their feathers work well  
as high quality live coals.

**Danger Level: ★ (Insignificant)**

Did it  
work?

Well?

...Are  
they...  
children?

I think you  
can give it  
a bit more  
power.

Really  
!?

...Is  
Someone  
There?

Huh?  
Did he  
just  
move?

Here  
goes!

I guess  
so.  
Riko,  
turn the  
dial to 2.

No matter...  
I'm going  
back to  
sleep.

Huh?

Uh, Riko,  
why is  
the dial  
set to  
20?

Every-  
body  
step  
back!  
...Ok,  
do it!

Did it!  
Sigg, can  
I press it  
this time?







Wait...

Who am I,  
again?

This  
is my  
room!

Oh,  
this?

Welcome  
to Orth,  
Robot-kun!

We're at  
the top of  
the  
Abyss!

This is  
the City  
on the  
Edge!



She was always causing mischief, so she got moved here.

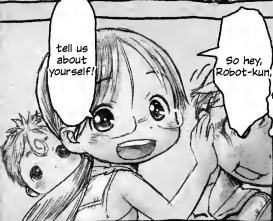
Riko's room was originally for punishments.

Huh!?

Are you guys torturers?



That sinister instrument... and the pain from earlier...



tell us about yourself!

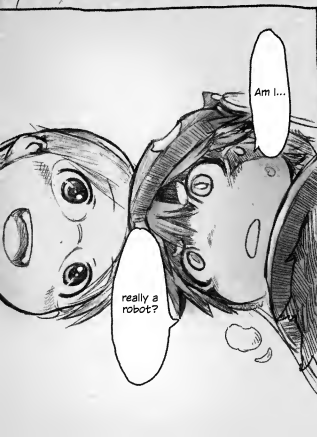
So hey, Robot-kun.

We brave the depths searching for...

...Just apprentices though.



Anyways, we're delvers.



Am I...

really a robot?



Who made you?

What's your name?

What functions do you have?



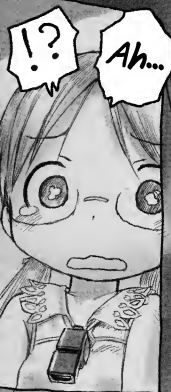
This isn't making any sense, so I'd like to (confirm) something.

It's been bothering me for a while now, but...















I see.  
If that guy  
catches you,  
you're  
not getting  
off lightly.

Are  
they  
gone?

SLAM

I'M SORRY!!!

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I'm still  
a bit  
out of it,  
I guess.

I never  
expected  
my arms  
to extend...



But  
still,



It's all  
very  
suspicious.

And  
this  
helmet.

Ex-  
tending  
metal  
arms.



What

am I?



Let's go  
over this  
in order.

First, an  
electric  
shock  
somehow  
woke  
me up.

Hmm  
...  
...



Was it  
because  
I'm a  
robot?

Uh  
...

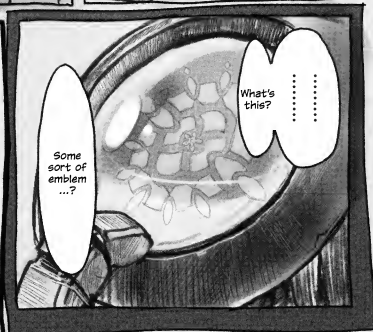
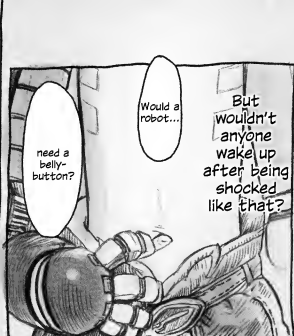
Second,  
not only  
were they  
really  
excited  
to see me,  
they also  
hid me.



If what  
that  
glasses  
girl said  
is true,

and  
I'm a  
robot...

then  
shouldn't  
my name  
be written  
somewhere?





A black and white illustration of a diver in a cave. The diver is wearing a helmet and a backpack, and is holding a pickaxe. They are standing on a rocky ledge, looking down at a large, glowing, circular object in the distance. The cave walls are covered in stalactites and other rock formations.

Why is  
that?

Q: Delves  
who explore  
the depths  
never return.

A black and white illustration of a diver in a cave. The diver is wearing a helmet and a backpack, and is holding a pickaxe. They are standing on a rocky ledge, looking down at a large, glowing, circular object in the distance. The cave walls are covered in stalactites and other rock formations.

deadly  
creatures.

A: They  
inevitably  
encounter



Vicious beasts  
are no problem  
for delvers.

X: That's not  
nearly enough.



they head towards  
the light of home  
along a safe path.

Problems  
appear  
on the  
way back.

Having survived  
many dangers,  
and with their  
packs full of  
treasure,

But then,  
what could  
it be that  
hinders  
them?

Hint: The  
ascent.

From the third layer:  
In addition to the previous  
effects, vertigo and visual  
and auditory hallucinations.



by a phenomenon  
of unknown cause.



From the second layer  
and below: heavy  
nausea, headache, and  
numbness of limbs.

Such hopes  
for return  
are suddenly  
dashed



Symptoms when returning  
to the surface from the  
first level: light dizziness  
and nausea.

From the fourth layer:  
intense pain throughout the  
whole body and bleeding  
from every orifice.

the  
deeper  
you go.

From the sixth  
layer: loss of  
humanity or,  
possibly, death.



From the fifth  
layer: complete  
loss of sensation  
and self-harm  
caused from the  
confusion.

The cost  
to return  
home  
becomes  
steeper  
and  
steeper


As long as  
the diver is  
human, it's  
unavoidable.

It is the  
so called,  
"curse of  
the Abyss."

From the  
seventh layer:  
certain  
death.







there is  
no way to  
escape this  
curse.

As long  
as we  
delvers  
are  
human,

In other  
words,  
you came  
from the  
bottom  
of the  
Abyss!!

Which  
means  
that  
  
you  
wouldn't  
have to  
worry  
about the  
curse!!



then  
what  
in the  
world...

if  
you're  
right,

did I  
come up  
here  
to do?

nom

nom



That  
does make  
sense...  
but...



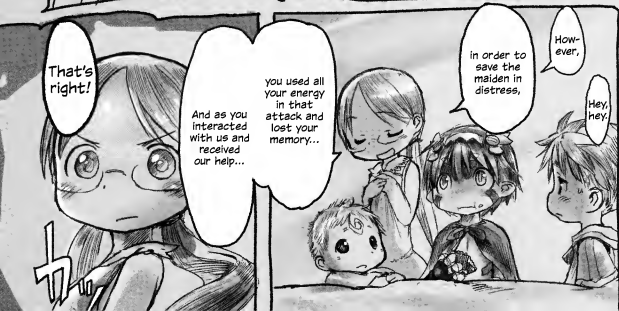
You must've  
been an  
attack robot  
who came to  
invade the  
surface!

I got  
it!



And your  
body can't  
be damaged  
by blade  
or fire...

Are you a  
mes-  
senger  
of  
peace?  
...Nah.  
You have  
the power  
to melt  
through  
fos-  
silized  
trees...



That's  
right!

And as you  
interacted  
with us and  
received  
our help...

you used all  
your energy  
in that  
attack and  
lost your  
memory...

in order to  
save the  
maiden in  
distress,

How-  
ever,

Hey,  
hey.



So that's  
why I was  
able to be  
nice to  
them after  
what they  
did to me...?



Your  
imagination  
is beyond  
irredeemable.

You awoke  
to the  
kindness  
of humans!



do you  
have a  
moment?

Well  
guys,



Yup,

I see you  
read it all  
the time.

It's a  
collection  
on artifact  
findings. I  
love these  
things.

Ohh!



There's  
something  
I want  
discuss  
about him.

Grade two artifact  
"Tomorrow Signal," a  
weather divining vane.

Grade two artifact  
"Gold Shaker," a dust  
collecting pot.

The major  
artifacts that  
have been  
unearthed  
are featured  
in this... well,  
it's basically  
an illustrated  
encyclopedia.

Grade one artifact  
"Third Works," a  
psychokinetic arm.

Grade one artifact  
"Nil Fount," a  
water-producing cup.

Grade one artifact  
"Ghost Sight," glasses  
that show the unseeable.

Greater artifact  
"Star Thread," an  
unbreakable string.

Grade one artifact  
"Grim Ripper,"  
iron-cutting  
scissors.

Greater artifact  
"Eon Depths," a  
life-extending liquor.

Greater artifact  
"Unheard Bell," the  
time-stopping bell.

Ah!  
The  
Unheard  
Bell!

You know,  
my mom  
was the  
one who  
found this,  
Robot-kun.

She's so  
close...

Ah!



I didn't see any autonomous robots or anything like him.



I looked through it completely.

However... even looking through grade one, two and greater artifacts...



Let's see.



All right!



Riko, can you let us know what you've found out about his features?



That metal-ish part, I have no idea what it's made of. Even though it's flexible, I couldn't pierce it with a drill. But it was covered in all these marks anyways...

His arms can extend. He didn't want me to, but when I tied them, his hands untied themselves.

It seems his vision and hearing is better than mine. And his nose is better too. He could smell the difference between Kiyū's shoes and mine.

He has a strange power that can melt through fossilized trees in an instant.

First, the mysterious way he's powered can work with either electricity or food.

He's got a belly button and nipples, but they weren't buttons or anything.

Despite having incredible grip strength, he gently held my hand. Such a gentlemanly robot!

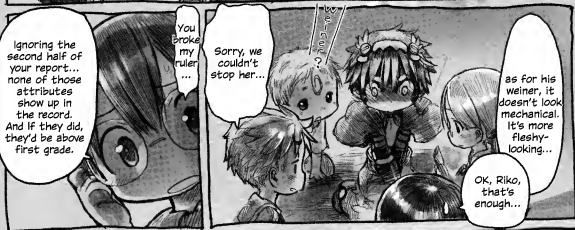
Oh, and his hair doesn't burn when he can still lit on fire.

Though it's smooth, his skin is strong enough that it can't be cut with a knife... but he can still sweat and cry.



The ruler I  
probed him  
with broke  
halfway in...

I snuck a look  
in his butt  
hole, but I  
couldn't see  
much...



Ignoring the  
second half of  
your report...  
none of those  
attributes  
show up in  
the record.  
And if they did,  
they'd be above  
first grade.

You  
broke  
my  
ruler  
...

Sorry, we  
couldn't  
stop her...

as for his  
weiner, it  
doesn't look  
mechanical.  
It's more  
fleshy-  
looking...

OK, Riko,  
that's  
enough...



It may be  
an "Aubade,"  
the Treasure of  
the Underworld.

His body is  
a bunch of  
extraordinary  
artifacts  
in one. It's  
probably one  
of the most  
valuable  
findings in  
the history  
of the  
Abyss.

And now that  
I'm gonna  
be famous,  
my star  
compass and  
scale umbrella  
and stuff  
will be in the  
spotlight too!

THEN EVEN MY  
MOTHER, WHO  
WAS A WHITE  
WHISTLE,  
NEVER FOUND  
ANYTHING  
LIKE HIM!

THAT'S  
AMAZ-  
ING!!

What if we  
just report  
him now?

Hmmm...  
.....

They'll  
think we  
kept a  
treasure  
for our-  
selves.

We didn't  
tell them  
we found  
him  
though...

Hung  
naked  
...?

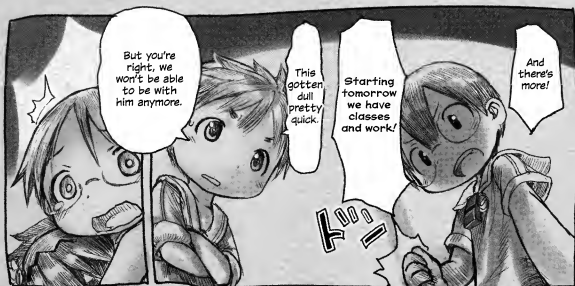
WAAAAH.. WA...

And then the  
punishment  
will be a lot  
worse than  
being hung  
naked again...

and take  
him apart  
piece by  
piece...

hide his  
existence  
as a  
treasure  
of the  
Abyss,

I think he's  
already  
dangerously  
valuable just  
because his  
body isn't  
affected by  
the curse.







I wonder if this  
plan is going to  
work out well...



How  
is he  
doing?

He won't  
suspect  
that he's  
a robot  
with those  
clothes...

I can't  
look  
any-  
more...



She told me I could become a delver if I worked here...

I lost my last family when my big sister died.  
That's why I came here.



What happened to your family? You know this is an orphanage, right?

You want to be a delver ...?



I was in an accident, so I don't remember anything before then...

?

I don't know. My sister found me a year ago.

...You don't look like you were born in Orth. Where are you from?



What's high-tech about that?

He's getting nervous, even though he's a robot! He's so high-tech!



What happened to your hand?

.....



I wonder if that setup is going to work.

Me and my sister... We were scavengers at the wharf district of southern Orth.

Even Leader's never been to the slums.

Hehehe... He looks the part, right?



It's been like this as long as I can remember.

The old man at the wharf said it could be foreign technology...

If he can get past this...



Hmm...

Try squeezing.

Looks like your grip is good enough. All right.



He's staring at something!

And he's groping him too? .....

WH-WHAT HAPPENED!?

He remembered the lines and he delivered them well, but...



.....



Reg.

Just Reg.

Your name?



...That name was Riko's idea.

Oh, he did it.

No wonder he's a treasure!

Yup!

He liked it a lot!





with the  
goal of  
becoming  
ta deliver...

And so, I became  
a student at  
the Belchero  
orphanage,



trying to  
come up  
with a  
solution  
moved me  
deeply.

The  
energy  
and en-  
thusiasm  
they  
put in  
all night  
long,

sniff

Though it  
wouldn't be  
wrong to say  
I simply got  
roped into it...

"It should also serve  
as a shortcut to  
help your memory  
return. You'll even  
be able to eat those  
'Riko bombs' (rice  
balls) you like so  
much every day."



"The work  
that's done  
here is  
directly  
connected  
to the  
fundamentals  
of delving."

As Siggy  
said:

"Don't be  
so naive  
as to  
challenge  
the Abyss  
without  
your  
memories."





I spent most of my time in the orphanage.

Sometimes I would go outside.



but it seems you have to wear a bell until your first descent.

I thought I'd get to wear one of those red whistles,



but still I behaved normally. Is that thanks to my memories?

I was supposed to have completely forgotten everything,



I learned that the leaves change color...

and eventually



It was still mostly just words and logic.

We didn't get taught much about the Abyss in class.



Day after day passed,



Revealing the truth about my body was the one thing I had to avoid!

In a blink  
of an eye,  
two months  
went by...

I was  
surprised  
how quickly  
I got used  
to it...



Ah!

There  
you are  
Reg!



Don't worry,  
I'm probably  
not gonna  
grow more,  
but you'll  
get bigger  
and bigger  
and overtake  
me in no  
time.

I see



Lucky —

Only three  
days until  
my first  
descent.  
Then I can  
bid this bell  
farewell.



Oh, from  
the spice  
shop...  
So he's  
Lafie-san's  
husband.

fragrance of spices

ハブさん

Habo is  
Auntie's  
man!



Habo?

The ex-  
pedition  
was a  
great  
success!  
Hurry,  
hurry!  
Habo-  
san's  
party  
came  
back!

We're  
going to  
go welcome  
them at the  
great  
pier!



It's dangerous  
near the pier,  
so you stay  
here and hold  
the fort, Kiyui!

What  
about  
Kiyui?

Let's ask him  
how much  
of it was  
upside down!

He went all  
the way to  
the inverted  
forest!





Riko, the people up front...

are making a lot of noise.

What's wrong, Reg?

Need to go to the toilet?

!!  
!?

So many people ...

So they use this for successful expeditions... It seems like a fine mechanical pier... But when it's hung over this huge chasm, it looks quite skinny and treacherous...

Excuse me, coming through!

They must have brought some awesome artifacts!

We have to hurry!

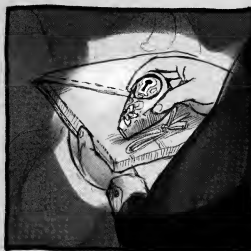




He must be the one with the beard.

Ah, it's Habo-san.

**HABO-SAAAN!**



It belongs to Lyza the Annihilator!

No way!

It's Lyza's!

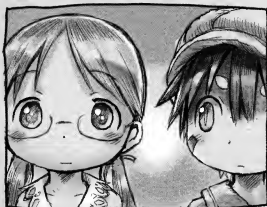
Hey, we found out whose whistle it is!

**A white whistle! !?**

A white one.

It's a whistle.

That thing he gave to the person in black...





## Scarlet Maw

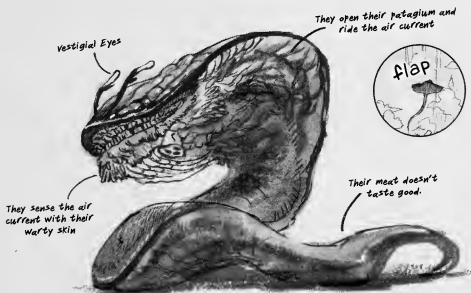


● Taken from the notes of a certain delver ●

A red snake species that lives primarily in the third layer's steep cliffs. It's able to surf the air currents using its patagium and fly across the Abyss in a fairly straight line.

It's not clear if they do it for nutrition or to strengthen their gizzards, but they are known to habitually swallow artifacts and minerals. There is no doubt that the countless number of treasures that they have amassed are resting in their stomachs.

Though we can't completely eliminate the possibility that they may have also been defecated...



**Danger level: ★★★★★ (Life-threatening)**



And as  
you know,  
we are the  
delvers that  
challenge it.

The last  
unexplored  
region of  
the world:  
the devilish  
chasm,  
Abyss!



And the  
**black  
whistles:**  
the  
experts!

The **moon  
whistles:** the  
assistant  
instructors!

The **blue  
whistles:**  
the  
adepts!

The **red  
whistles:** the  
apprentices!



ハローアビス  
**05**  
Resurrection  
Festival



The ones  
who have  
surpassed  
their  
human  
limitations...

those  
who  
stand  
above  
them  
all...

And  
fi-  
nally...

Our heroes:  
the white  
whistles!

They've  
brought  
up to us  
discoveries  
that have  
changed  
the world.

No matter  
how far or  
how deep  
they go,  
they always  
shine bril-  
liantly.

They are  
our nether  
stars!



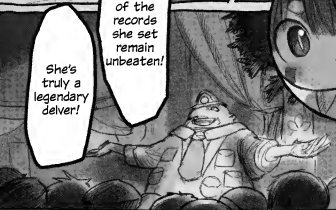
Thus, her final journey has come to an end!

She was the bravest one we had. After ten years, the soul of a hero has reached home.

Even among the white whistles,

Most of the records she set remain unbeaten!

She's truly a legendary deliver!



So this is the festival... there's an impressive amount of people.



She's slain so many dangerous beasts that rose from the depths that we've lost count.

The amount of relics she found was, of course, staggering, but what deserves the most attention is her adamant bravery!

12 times foreign delivers attacked her and 12 times she turned the tables on them!

Now! Gem projector time!



Replicas of the annihilator's whistle available



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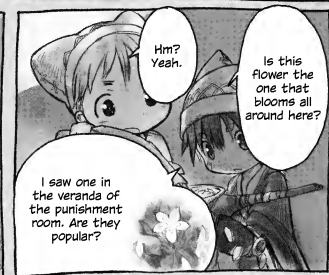
People  
call her:

Lyza the  
Annihi-  
lator!

And  
now,  
I'll pre-  
sent to you  
some of her  
find-  
ings...

Now, if you wish  
to get yourself a  
replica of the  
annihilator's  
white whistle or  
the biography of  
the annihilator,  
please find your  
way to the  
Belchero Orphanage!  
Be wary of  
imitations!

Scary  
...





SFX: Crowd cheering



Can I really  
have this?









The Resurrection festival going on today is celebrating how amazing your mother was...





Just like  
how people  
describe her,  
a legendary  
white  
whistle.

As a  
delfer,  
Lyza-san  
was

She  
began  
her  
final  
trek...  
when  
you  
were  
still  
about  
two  
years  
old...

So I only  
knew who  
Lyza-san  
was on the  
surface...

It's not  
like I ever  
delfed  
together  
with her.

That  
said...

The  
audacious  
and  
mischievous  
Lyza-san.

she was  
quite a  
handful.

Really,

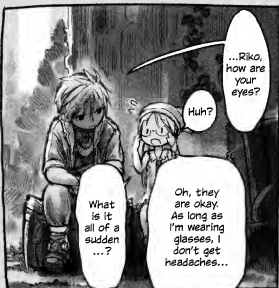
If she  
weren't  
a white  
whistle,  
she would  
just be a  
regular  
weirdo.

A heavy drinker, quick  
to get into fights,  
always going too far  
with pranks, and you  
could never tell how  
honest she was being.  
On top of that, she  
had a brutally  
unbalanced diet...



your eyes aren't "bad" in the usual sense.

You know,



...Riko, how are your eyes?

Huh?

What is it all of a sudden ...?

Oh, they are okay. As long as I'm wearing glasses, I don't get headaches...



It's the curse of the Abyss.

It's the same as when people return from the far depths.



The symptoms are strange, but... the cause is clear.

When you try to look at things without using crystal glasses, you get headaches.

Your sight is adequate, but...



It's been 12 years already... no, I guess a bit more.



That's nonsense you were told to teach you discipline.

Didn't it begin because I was reading in the dark...



No way...  
But why?

It was a mission  
ordered by the  
country.  
The white  
whistles  
had to  
obey.

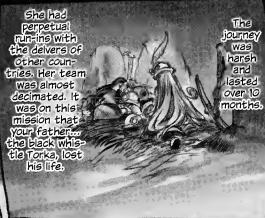
While her  
body was in  
this delicate  
state, she  
was ordered  
to go with  
the survey  
team down  
to the  
fourth  
layer.

At the  
time, Lyza  
had just  
become  
pregnant  
with you.



Huh  
.....

And in the  
midst of  
all that,  
you were  
born.



She had  
perpetual  
run-ins with  
the delvers of  
other coun-  
tries. Her team  
was almost  
decimated. It  
was on this  
mission that  
your father...  
the black whis-  
tle Torka, lost  
his life.

The  
journey  
was  
harsh  
and  
lasted  
over 10  
months.

She was to  
collect the  
greater ar-  
tifact, the  
Unheard  
Bell, lying in  
the depths.



You were  
born... in  
the depths of  
the Abyss.

That's  
right.



Hm  
...?

What...?  
So then...



Have you forgotten what happened on the way back from your first descent?

Of course not!

Then, uh, then does that mean I'm actually pretty strong against the curse...?

Ohh...

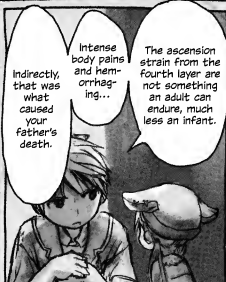
I'M...  
ALL  
RIGUE  
EEH  
HH  
H  
...



Then how did I survive...?

Huh?

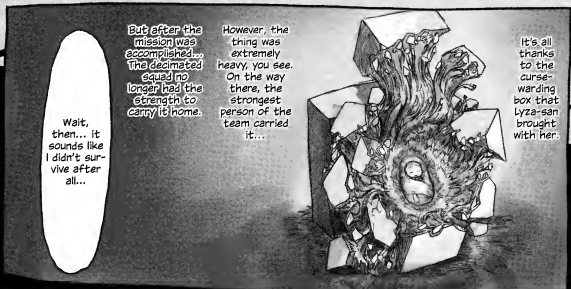
Ummm  
...



Indirectly, that was what caused your father's death.

Intense body pains and hemorrhaging...

The ascension strain from the fourth layer are not something an adult can endure, much less an infant.



Wait, then... it sounds like I didn't survive after all...

But after the mission was accomplished... The decimated squad no longer had the strength to carry it home.

However, the thing was extremely heavy, you see. On the way there, the strongest person of the team carried it...

It's all thanks to the curse-warding box that Lyza-san brought with her.



and carried you together  
with the person most  
confident in their strength  
that was left among the  
remains of her  
compatriots.

She  
abandoned  
the Unheard  
Bell

A greater artifact is an  
item that can even change  
the balance of powers  
among countries. Bringing  
just one greater artifact  
can make the whole city  
richer and will guarantee  
the future of the team.  
Its value is almost too  
high to be calculated.

And don't  
make the  
mistake of  
thinking it  
was the ob-  
vious thing  
to do... just  
because she  
was your  
mother.



Riches and  
prestige,  
friendship  
and trust.

And yet,  
Lyza-san  
chose  
you.

She  
wished to  
have you.

She was  
willing to  
give up  
any and all  
of those  
things.



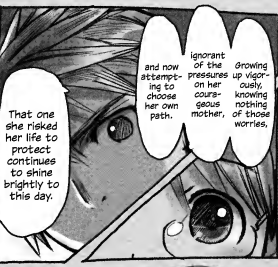
Lyza-san  
regretted  
not being  
able to  
protect  
your  
eyes...

Though  
the curse-  
ward has  
worked  
its role,  
it couldn't  
completely  
defend  
against  
the curse.

Your eyes  
were affect-  
ed from the  
ascension  
strain at  
the time.



.....



and now  
attempt-  
ing to  
choose  
her own  
path.

ignorant  
of the  
pressures  
on her  
courage-  
ous  
mother,

Growing  
up vigor-  
ously,  
knowing  
nothing  
of those  
worries,

That one  
she risked  
her life to  
protect  
continues  
to shine  
brightly to  
this day.



twg



THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH!



Are you  
just going  
to leave it  
lying down  
there?



Lyza  
the  
exter-  
mina-  
tor?

what are you  
going to do  
about that  
particular  
artifact  
left by the  
legendary  
white whis-  
tle

Now,

she went around and settled the score with the group from the other country and recovered the bell without delay...

Though in the end, right after that...

Some things are better left unsaid.

Well,



And then the white whistle liis miine.

So much I'm gonna diiig.

I'm gonna dig so much.

Whistle Whistle

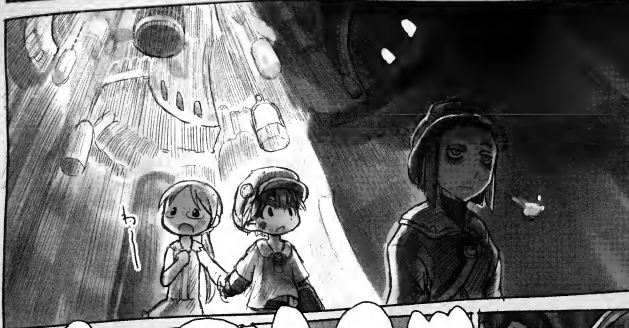
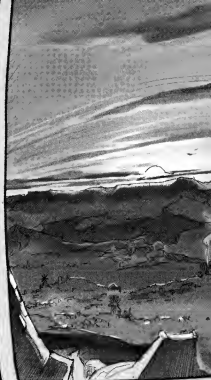






Delver  
guild  
HQ!

Orth,  
south  
district.



Nailed  
the  
greet-  
ing! At-  
taboy!

Him again,  
huh...

But still,  
what a well-  
mannered  
child...

Ah...

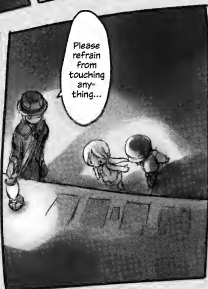
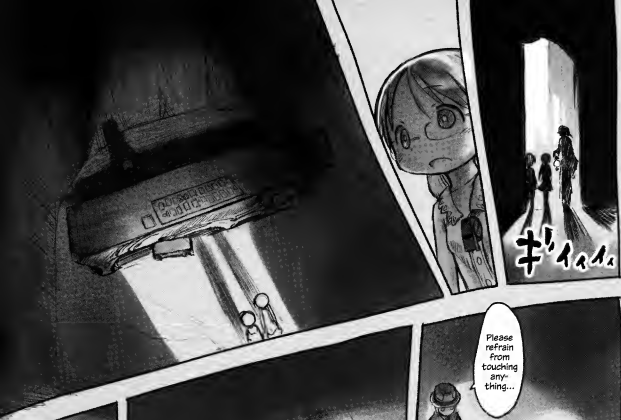
Leader?

I was sent  
here to  
watch over  
her by the  
Leader, my  
name is Reg,  
pleased to  
meet you.

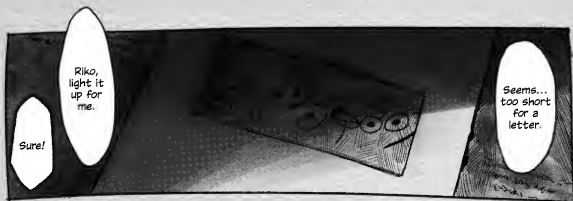
It's beyond  
this door.  
I shall stand  
witness.

...and  
who you  
might  
be?











## "THE FLOWER OF RESILIENCE"

### ✿ Eternal Fortune ✿

A fast growing, perennial plant that can grow on any soil.  
Has a tendency to bloom with big white flowers  
the harsher the environment it is in.

For it's good luck-bringing reputation,  
it has become the *designated flower of the city* in Orth.  
It's cultivated on all streets, and can be found  
in all the scenery of the city.



In Orth, there is a custom of throwing the blossoms  
of the flower into the Abyss on happy or sad occasions.

They can be easily found even in the Abyss itself.  
There, it is used as a common cooking ingredient and spice.



Eternal Fortunes don't favor any particular place to grow.

In the sandstone area of  
Sea of Corpses on the 6th layer,  
I encountered seven-tailed scorpions.

Each tail contained poison that could  
melt flesh and bone and each scorpion  
had seven of them. What's more,  
they were over 2 meters tall!



In the places where the sandstone  
was discolored, lay the remains  
of the ones unfortunate enough  
to fall victim to their poison.

The area around its nest has a particular smell.  
It's the same smell you get when you burn the remnants of  
dried vomit. Those who don't cover their scent by  
bathing in smoke produced by that will likely die.

I think I'll call it a Desert Hydra.  
Not to be used as a food source.

I saw this one while taking shelter  
from the rain in the 6th layer.  
It's a lizard that grows up in its eggshell.  
The young ones are ferocious, but can be  
eaten without too much work. Very tasty.

It seems that their shell keeps  
you safe even from the iron rain.

As long as it lives, it will continue to grow.  
Its lifespan is ridiculously long. The largest one I en-  
countered was towering at 30 meters in height.

And despite how gigantic it was, it was still just as fero-  
cious. As for whether its meat is just as tasty,  
I'll leave that question for my successors to answer.  
I'll name it the Giant Armorshell.

The hermit crab-type mammals that live in various  
dwellings are totally cute. They live quietly in the  
city areas of the 6th Layer. Perhaps they use their  
dwellings as some form of camouflage as they're  
always being eaten by the Sakawatari.

Their sturdy fangs help them to make their  
dwellings. Although they are friendly towards  
humans, if you try to eat them, they'll bite you  
with those fangs, so be careful with them.

Since I tamed one, I just use it as my pillow now.  
Let's name it the Hermit Rat.

Human-looking silhouette.

Identity unknown...

I encountered it somewhere near the 7th layer.

It's been observing me intently for quite some time now.  
What a fool. I'm watching you as well...

It's about the size of a human child.  
It appears as though it's clad in rags.

Its arms, legs and head are disproportionately large.  
Perhaps it's some kind of armor.  
It's not giving off the same vibe as a narehate...

I tried calling out to it, but then it ran away from me. It went UP, jumping with a strength that astounded me.

To be able to ascend so easily from this depth...  
Could it be that it isn't human?

Where did it even come from in the first place?

I have no idea...  
But I'm getting closer to the answer.

Reeg!

Reeg!



You're only going to find bugs there.

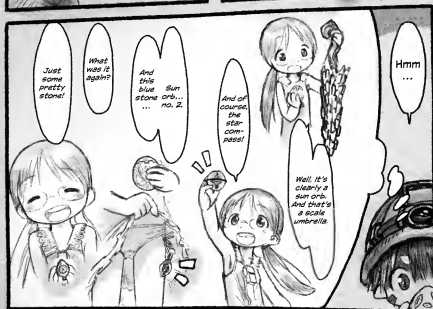


If you wanna dig, then you should do that flat spot next to it...



That's also one of the artifacts of the Abyss. Is it a spinstone...? No, it's not supposed to be that soft... I don't know what it is.









I don't believe in that stuff!

The rumor goes if you look in the mirror on the morning of your birthday... and you see yourself with a twisted neck... Then you're probably gonna...



There But is one thing I want to believe.

.....



Our robot got so scared he's all sweaty!

Ha ha ha ha ha



Children who have been eagerly waiting for their birthdays to come are dying one after another on that very day... Although they've all died in different ways... What they all have in common is that they all died on their birthdays. In the western district alone, there have been 8 of them.

no, probably more than that.



and the purpose of why I came here...

Or even the reason I was made,

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?



The origin of all the artifacts ...

That the answer lies at the bottom of the Abyss.

And the cause of the curse...



That's  
how it  
feels  
to me.

then  
maybe I'll  
find all  
of those  
answers...

If I  
reach the  
bot-  
tom,



Just pick  
all those  
up and  
let's go!



Natt,  
are you...



A-  
anyway,  
I'm  
against  
it!



H  
m  
m



What's  
wrong  
with  
you...?

Wh...



You're  
still  
a red  
whis-  
tle,  
you  
know  
...

Like  
I said  
yester-  
day, I'm  
against  
it.

Both  
you and  
Riko  
have a  
screw  
loose.





Hey,  
are  
you  
sure  
about  
this?



I'll head  
to the  
bottom  
where my  
mom is  
waiting.

And what  
will you do  
after you  
reach the  
observation  
base?



Yeah.  
That's  
why I  
need  
your  
help!

Mom is  
waiting  
for me.



Say... Why  
did you steal  
this "I'll be  
waiting at  
the bottom"  
part....?

Well,  
'cause it's  
the letter  
my mom  
wrote me...  
it's mine!



You talk about the bottom of the abyss like it's just any regular old place...

I'm against it.

What's wrong, Natt?

!

そふあ

The route from there is...

That's right.

You'll never be able to see anyone from here ever again.

No, you don't understand at all!

I'm already prepared for that.

Oh, come on. I've always wanted to become a white whistle, you know!

Do you realize that once you get there, you'll never be able to return!?

Like I said...

That's right!

You'll never go to auntie's place...

or get to play with us ever again.

Attend Leader's lessons...

It's late  
already,  
let's get  
some  
rest...

Tomorrow  
is Reg's  
first de-  
scent and  
all...

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...  
I know  
already!

Like I  
said!

So  
are  
you!

L-look,  
you're  
crying!

I'll  
get  
the  
data  
in  
order  
too.

Let's  
meet  
again  
tomorrow  
night.

How  
it'll  
turn  
out...

I wonder...

my memory  
still hasn't  
returned...

Even  
after my  
first de-  
scent,

ハローアビス  
07  
Eve of  
departure



Hey!

then  
the  
clue  
must  
be...

If  
that's  
the  
case,



Wait  
...

Hey,  
Reg  
...



She's  
not  
planning  
to go  
alone,  
is she  
...?

Riko  
didn't  
ask  
me  
to go  
with  
her...



あわわ...

I'm  
okay  
...  
It's the  
curse  
...  
my head's  
splittin'!

What's  
wrong!?

...  
NATT!?



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Seriously,  
I'm fine...

This is  
all cuz  
I didn't  
get much  
sleep  
last  
night...

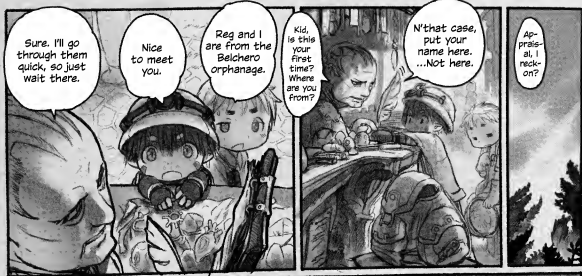
N...  
Nah...  
pew  
...  
I'm  
totally  
okay.

I was lost  
in thought,  
so I didn't  
notice.  
Let's call  
someone...

I'm  
sorry.

Seems like  
this stuff is  
really nothing  
for you...  
and you're  
fast as hell  
too...

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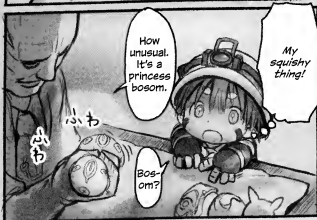


*I want  
to know  
who I am!*

*I  
want  
to  
know!*



Ah  
...



How  
unusual.  
It's a  
princess  
bosom.

My  
squishy  
thing!

Bos-  
om?



Just  
as...

It's a boob  
stone, a boob  
stone. 'Cause  
it's just as  
soft as one,  
ya know.



Living here  
is a lot  
of fun,  
and it'd  
be hard  
to leave  
everyone  
behind...

But I  
really...

can't  
just  
stand  
here  
and do  
nothing!



—Later that night—







*to the  
bottom  
of the  
Abyss.*

*I'm  
also  
going*

*Riko,*



I bet Riko just  
begged you to  
go with her.

Man  
...



Reg  
...  
You kept  
quiet this  
entire  
time, so I  
thought  
you might  
stop her  
for us...



I want  
to go  
because  
I want  
to know  
who I  
am.

I've  
decided  
this on  
my own!

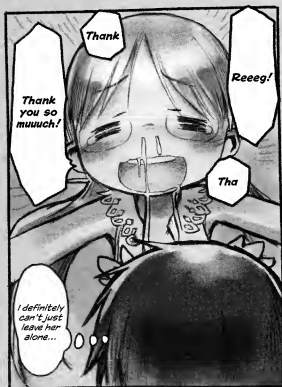


Wha!



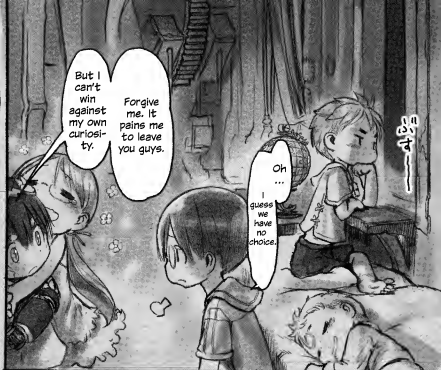
has never  
asked me  
to go with  
her.

Riko  
...





Riko would go by herself even if we tried to stop her...



But I can't win against my own curiosity.

Forgive me. It pains me to leave you guys.

Oh ...  
I guess we have no choice.

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I know, the curse of the Abyss!  
...No, that's only during the ascent.



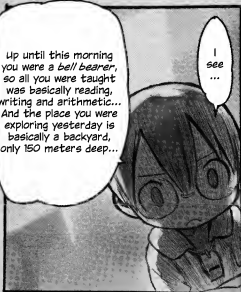
Very dangerous!

Hmmm.



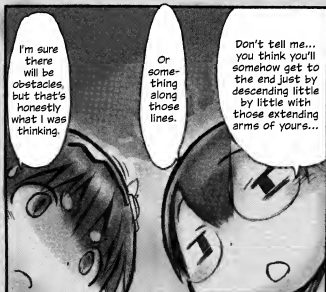
Do you have an idea about what you might come across on the way to the bottom of the Abyss?

That reminds me, Reg, you've lived here... for about 2 months, I think?



Up until this morning you were a bell bearer, so all you were taught was basically reading, writing and arithmetic... And the place you were exploring yesterday is basically a backyard, only 150 meters deep...

I see ...



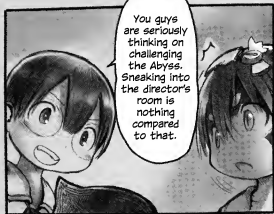
I'm sure there will be obstacles, but that's honestly what I was thinking.

Or something along those lines.

Don't tell me... you think you'll somehow get to the end just by descending little by little with those extending arms of yours...







The City on  
the Edge, Orth

0m

0~1350m

First layer

Edge of the Abyss

0~1550

1350~

2600

2600~

7000

7000~

2600m

Second layer

Forest of Temptation

2600~7000m

Third layer

Great Fault

7000~12000m

Fourth layer

The Cup of Giants

12000~13000m

Fifth layer

Sea of Corpses

13000~15500m

Sixth layer

The Capital of the Unreturned

15500~???

Seventh layer

Final Maelstrom

20000~???

Bottom of the Abyss

Over 20000m deep

20000~

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25400m  
25400m  
Seeker Camp

Inverted  
Forest

This  
is the  
"current  
state"  
of the  
Abyss!

7000~12000m

Fourth layer  
The Cup of Giants

12000~13000m

Fifth layer

Sea of Corpses

13000~15500m

Sixth layer

The Capital of the Unreturned

15500~???

Seventh layer

Final Maelstrom

20000~???

Bottom of the Abyss

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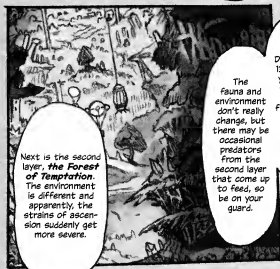
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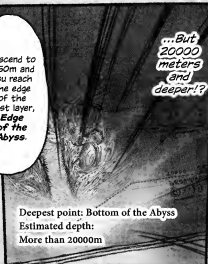
20000~

20000~



Descend to 1550m and you reach the edge of the first layer, **Edge of the Abyss**.

The fauna and environment don't really change, but there may be occasional predators from the second layer that come up to feed, so be on your guard.



My arms extend to 40m when I give it my all...

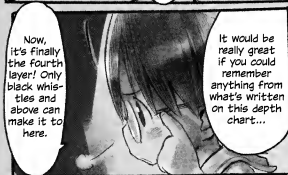








You see, the success of this journey depends on your memory!



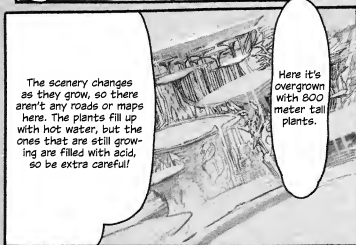
Now, it's finally the fourth layer! Only black whistles and above can make it to here.

It would be really great if you could remember anything from what's written on this depth chart...



You must have known how before you lost your memory!

Yes! Makes you think, right!?



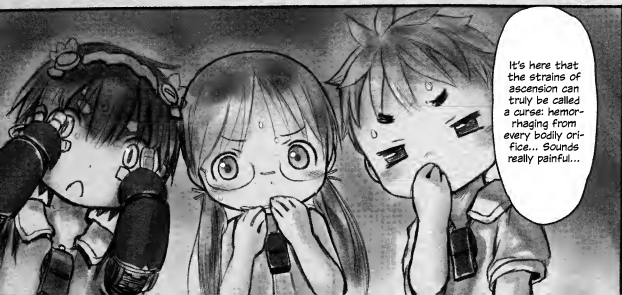
The scenery changes as they grow, so there aren't any roads or maps here. The plants fill up with hot water, but the ones that are still growing are filled with acid, so be extra careful!

Here it's overgrown with 800 meter tall plants.



The depth is around 7000m! This place is also called the **Cup of Giants**.

Seems like you're getting more and more excited, Sigg...



It's here that the strains of ascension can truly be called a curse: hemorrhaging from every bodily orifice... Sounds really painful...




It's called the  
**Sea of Corpses**,  
and it crosses the  
12000 meter  
mark.

Sixth layer!  
This is the  
world for the  
white whistles  
only! You can  
count the  
people who  
made it back  
from here with  
your hands...!



We'll have to  
dive or go down  
a waterfall...  
Gotta think up  
a method to do  
it while pro-  
tecting Riko...

The only  
alternative  
is to go down  
the waterfall.  
Plus, there  
are a lot of  
dangerous  
underwater  
animals...



It's covered  
with water, so  
if you  
want to  
go lower,  
you have  
to dive  
into it.

They say  
that thick,  
muddy water  
is holding up  
the regular  
water!



And the  
seventh  
layer, **Final  
Maelstrom**.

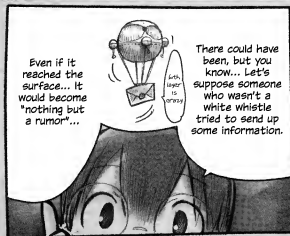


Sixth layer,  
**the Capital  
of the Un-  
returned.**



Has there been anyone besides the white whistles who have gone to the sixth layer or lower?

When a white whistle descends to the sixth layer it's called the last journey.



Even if it reached the surface... It would become "nothing but a rumor"...

There could have been, but you know... Let's suppose someone who wasn't a white whistle tried to send up some information.

Because they won't ever return from there...

They remain as the voices of the Abyss...

And guide everyone.

Even after they have lost their lives,

The voices of the white whistles are the voices of the Abyss...

But when we hear the voice of a white whistle from that place,

it's a fact.





Look, Riko.  
Sorry to ruin  
the mood,  
but...



My mom  
is waiting  
for me!

No matter  
what you  
say, I'm  
going!



No one could  
live in that  
place for ten  
years, you  
know!?



Didn't you listen  
to what Siggy said?  
You got what he was  
saying, right...!?



Why else  
would the  
whistle have  
made its way  
up here!?

You  
need to  
under-  
stand!



Wh-what  
are you...



## ✿ Types of whistles ✿

White  
whistle

Legend



Black  
whistle

Master



Moon  
whistle

Assistant  
instructor



Blue  
whistle

Adept



Red  
whistle

Apprentice



Bell

Novice



Half past 4  
in the morning.

The day of  
departure.

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Do you  
think they'll  
be able to  
call who I  
am if I do  
this...?

Pro-  
bably not...

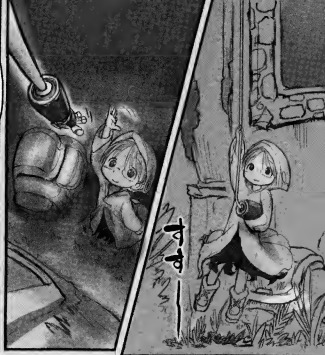
Okay,  
thanks!

I've  
lowered  
the lug-  
gage and  
clothes  
into the  
thicket  
below  
us.













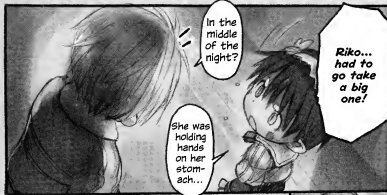
What are you doing out here so late ...?

T-the toilet..

You fool, I'm on a patrol. I do it every-day after you go to bed.



Reg, where are you going?



In the middle of the night?

**Riko... had to go take a big one!**

She was holding hands on her stomach...



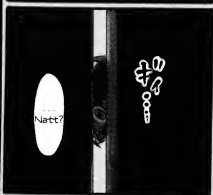
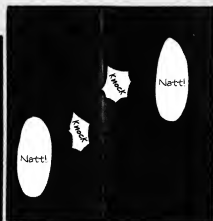
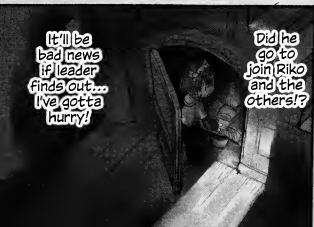
By the way, have you seen Riko?

She didn't seem to be in her room.



Did she find something weird to eat again?

I can't believe her...



Orth, south district.  
Behind the casting  
workshop.

Heeee

Yeah, 'cause  
the usual gate  
to the abyss  
is closely  
guarded.

Siggy, so  
you were  
saying we're  
supposed to  
head to the  
wharf?

Natt...  
Where did  
you go?

That's  
why I called  
someone  
to help us  
out.

Yes  
...

...  
"Appar-  
ently"?

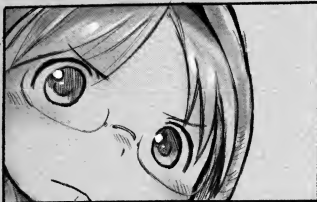
Since none  
of us have  
ever been  
there  
before.

Apparently  
there's a  
good spot  
around the  
slums of  
the wharf  
district.

Even if  
you're going  
to descend  
using Reg's  
arms, it'd  
still be bad  
to get dis-  
covered  
before  
you get  
there.









Because...

Today is  
the day  
we say  
good-  
bye!

I want us  
to make  
up!



Say,  
Natt.  
...



...I'm  
still  
against  
it. But  
I'll help  
you.

Follow  
me.

Since  
you're  
helping  
me  
now.

So  
you're  
not  
against  
me  
going?

T-  
then  
you  
wouldn't  
know  
the way  
around  
the  
wharf!!

Eh!?  
No,  
but...!

Then  
you  
don't  
have  
to...

You're  
still  
a-  
gainst  
it?



Now Riko and I won't have to worry about how you'd feel about us sending back letters.

I'm really glad you came.



That's great, Natt.



Then it must've been really hard to create that chart...

is veery low, you see.

Reg, even for white whistles, the probability of a mail balloon reaching the surface from the deeper parts of the Abyes



Each of their lives is like a soap bubble, slowly floating up.

Indeed, I guess you could think of it like...

And use them as ink to make something like this...

It took an incredible amount of time to gather up all those burst bubbles that happened to reach the sky...



It may be different for the first two layers, but there's no way a mail balloon will reach from where you're going.

**You're sooooo stupid.**

Is that true? But the voices of the white whistles did...



**It'll be okay!**



Even if you reach the depths, it would be impossible to send letters.

You heard him.



Oh... But the one in the orphanage is just a printed copy...



... What?



All addressed to you guys!

I'll just send lots and lots of them!



**That is so mean!!**

It's just that I thought it was a strangely sound idea for you to come up with...



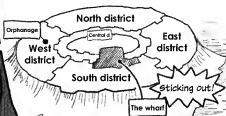
She must have sent multiple sealed letters. Otherwise it'd be a really small number to send over ten years. Perhaps she included this in each of them...

"I'm waiting at the bottom." It's very hastily written after all...

I think my mom must've done the same thing.



The wharf, you see, is a place that was built and settled by illegal delvers. They just kept on adding more buildings onto each other, so now half of it is sinking into the Abyss itself.



So I got picked up  
by the orphanage.

...Sis died, and I  
didn't have any  
other relatives.



*This story... it's the same  
one I told the leader when  
I joined the orphanage...  
So it was based on  
Natt's early life.*



And  
then  
...

I want  
to build  
an or-  
phanage  
here,

If I  
become  
a moon  
whistle  
like the  
leader...

I'm  
sure  
you  
can  
do  
it,  
Natt!



I just  
got  
lucky.

Every kid  
here grows  
up looking at  
the gate to  
the abyss.  
All of them  
want to be  
delvers...



Otherwise  
I would've  
just got  
sick from  
garbage or  
died like  
everyone  
else.



Can't you  
give me  
some  
better  
compliments...?

And  
you're  
almost  
as lively  
as me!

You're  
almost  
as good  
at delv-  
ing as  
me!



*We're  
already...*

*What...?*



*We're  
already  
here...*

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Hm, this  
thing fits  
perfectly  
after all.



What's  
this?

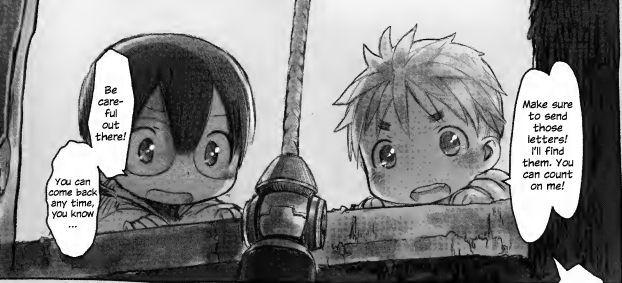












Be careful out there!

You can come back any time, you know ...

Make sure to send those letters! I'll find them. You can count on me!



Thanks you two!

Make sure you stay tuned for the good news!

Protect Riko for us!

Rog-er.

You guys take care too.



And now,

here we go!!!

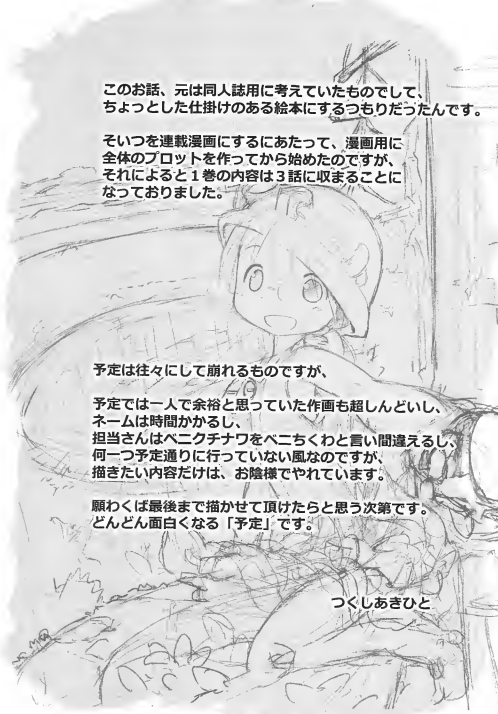
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このお話、元は同人誌用に考えていたものでして、  
ちょっとした仕掛けのある絵本にするつもりだったんです。

そいつを連載漫画にするにあたって、漫画用に  
全体のプロットを作ってから始めたのですが、  
それによると1巻の内容は3話に収まることにな  
っておりました。

予定は往々にして崩れるものですが、

予定では一人で余裕と思っていた作画も超しんどいし、  
ネームは時間かかるし、  
担当さんはベニクチナワをベニちくわと言い間違えるし、  
何一つ予定通りに行っていない風なのですが、  
描きたい内容だけは、お陰様でやれています。

願わくば最後まで描かせて頂けたらと思う次第です。  
どんどん面白くなる「予定」です。

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